

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the frictional force between an item to be delivered and a birth canal surface of a mother in human vaginal child birthing, which comprises ~~introducing a~~

1) applying an effective amount of an organic lubricant composition to cover said birth canal surface with the onset of labor; and

2) additionally applying an amount of said composition to said birth canal surface during labor wherein said additional amount is effective in keeping the birth canal surface covered with said lubricant composition so that a lubricant layer is formed between said birth canal surface and said item to be delivered until said item is delivered; said composition comprising a lubricating organic substance comprising
~~a physiologically acceptable organic lubricant consisting essentially of~~

a polyacrylic acid;

~~a thickener~~ isotonicizing substances;

a humectant;

and no alkali metal salts of metaphosphates;

~~in an effective amount into the birth canal of the mother,~~ wherein said composition is in the form of a paste, gel, cream, suppository, or foam.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said polyacrylic acid is present in a concentration of from 0.25 to 5% by weight.
30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 28, wherein said composition further comprises a thickener ~~is a cellulose~~.
31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[30]]~~ 28, wherein said composition further comprises at least one ~~cellulose is present~~ in a concentration of from 1 to 3% by weight.
32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 28, wherein said ~~humectant is~~ composition comprises a substance selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, glycerol, and polyethylene glycol.
33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[32]]~~ 28, wherein said ~~humectant is~~ present composition comprises carob flours in a concentration of from 0.5 to 3%.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said composition further comprises water.
35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein between 5 to 200 mL of said composition ~~is introduced into~~ is applied to the surface of the birth canal.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein between 10 to 100 mL of said composition is ~~introduced into~~ is applied to the surface of the birth canal.
37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein said ~~introduction into the birth canal~~ application takes place in multiple application steps.
38. (Canceled).
39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 28, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ application ~~steps begin~~ step 1 begins before dilation of the birth canal.
40. (Canceled).
41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[38]]~~ 28, wherein said composition is re-applied during expulsion of the item to be delivered.
42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said composition has greater adhesion to the surface of the birth canal compared with the skin of a fetus.
43. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein said polyacrylic acid is a crosslinked polyacrylic acid.